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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: MARRIAGE PROPOSALS

REF: DAMASCUS 4079

1. TOUTAH STOPPED BY JUNE 30 TO TELL ME OF FOLLOWING OBSTACLE WHICH HAS ARISEN IN MARRIAGE PROPOSALS PROCESSING. SYRIAN OFFICE OF CIVIL STATUS IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHICH PROCESSES APPLICATIONS OF SYRIANS WISHING TO MARRY FOREIGNERS INSISTS THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN HUSBANDS:

A) FULL LEGAL NAME

B) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

C) FATHER'S NAME

D) MOTHER'S NAME

APPLICATIONS MUST ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTOR'S CONFIDENTIAL

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CERTIFICATE OF GOOD HEALTH INDICATING THAT THE FOREIGNER IN QUESTION IS SUFFERING FROM NO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DEFECTS OR DISEASES WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE MARRIAGE. THE DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE, TOUTAH SAID, MUST BE DULY LEGALIZED. WHEN I POINTED OUT THIS MEANT OBTAINING ALL THE SAME CERTIFICATIONS WHICH HAD ACCOMPANIED THE ORIGINAL PROPOSALS, HE REPLIED IT WOULD PROBABLY BE

SUFFICIENT TO HAVE SOME SORT OF EMBASSY STAMP PLACED ON THE DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE (I AM NOT SO SURE).

2. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THIS INFORMATION MUST BE OBTAINED FOR EACH OF THE NINE PERSONS WHOSE PROPOSALS WE HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED. THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES SO FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE FROM THE PROPOSALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HENRY HANK DWECK, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

ROBERT CHABBOTT, 2035 E. 3RD ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11223

JEFFREY A. SHALOM, 1093 E. 8TH ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11240

IRVING MAHANA, 56 WEST 37TH ST. NEW YORK N.Y. 10018

ALLEN FRANCO, 469 AVE. S., BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11223

NORMAN DIDIA, 628 AVE.6, BROOKLYN N.Y. 11223

EDWARD DABBAH, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DAVID ESSES, 2230 E. 1ST ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11223

3. TOUTAH ALSO GAVE ME A COPY OF THE LETTER OF APPLICATION HE WAS INTENDING TO SUBMIT TO COL. MESSAOUD. IT CONFIDENTIAL

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IS ON THE OFFICIAL STATIONERY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR NINE SPECIFIED WOMEN TO LEAVE SYRIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARRYING NINE SPECIFIED MEN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE LETTER POINTS OUT THAT SINCE THESE WOMEN WILL BE LEAVING SYRIA PERMANENTLY TO RESIDE WITH THEIR NEW HUSBANDS IN THE U.S. NO BOND GUARANTEEING THEIR RETURN SHOULD BE REQUIRED. COPY OF LETTER BEING SENT VIA POUCH.

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